

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the following paragraphs with the amended paragraphs as follows:

On page 12, lines 19-25:

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In step 714, the secondary switch controller 310_B reads the status registers 424 of the I/O ports 320 to determine if some (e.g., at least two) or all of the I/O ports 320 have asserted an error bit in their respective status registers 424. If the determination is affirmatively answered, the ~~[[The]]~~ method 700 then proceeds to step 716, where the secondary switch controller 310_B assumes the primary switch controller 310_A (e.g., switch matrix 306_A) is inoperable. Thus, in step 716, the secondary switch controller 310_B will initiate a switchover and thereby serve as the primary switch controller for the switch 113.

On page 14, lines 11-17:

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In step 814, the secondary switch controller 310_B reads the status registers 424 of the I/O ports 320 to determine if some (e.g., at least two) or all of the I/O ports 320 have asserted an error bit in their respective status registers 424. If the determination is affirmatively answered, the ~~[[The]]~~ method 800 then proceeds to step 816, where the secondary switch controller 310_B assumes the primary switch controller 310_A is inoperable. Thus, in step 816, the secondary switch controller 310_B will initiate a switchover and thereby serve as the primary switch controller for the switch 113.

On page 16, lines 13-19:

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In the event that the switch controller ~~[[320]]~~ 310 fails, all of the video sessions being executed and streamed to the subscribers would be lost. Therefore, by adding a secondary switch controller 310 to the switch 113, the I/O ports 320 have an alternate switch controller available to provide an alternate in-band signal path 315 between the switch controller 310 and I/O ports 320. Accordingly, if one switch controller fails, then utilizing a redundant switch controller 310 may avert a single point of failure occurring at the switch 113.